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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2014 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2014. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft workplan for 2015 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2015.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2014/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2014 (DP/2014/18)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2014 (DP/2014/19)

Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2015 (DP/2014/CRP.2)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on the annual review of the financial situation undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: UNDP regular resources, other resources, and UNCDF, and provides the financial position at the end of 2013 with illustrative comparators to the previous year. The financial data in both years are in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2013 (DP/2014/20)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2013 (DP/2014/20/Add.1)

Item 3
Funding commitments to UNDP

In line with Executive Board decision 98/23 and building on the approach taken in that context, the Board will have before it a report on the status of regular funding commitments for 2014 and onwards and a summary of the provisional income for regular and other resources received in 2013. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Status of regular resources funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2014 and onwards (DP/2014/21)

Item 4
Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) approve the exceptional third one-year extension of the country programme for Guinea-Bissau; and (b) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Paraguay, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will also be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Angola, the Comoros;

Arab States region: Kuwait, Tunisia;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2014/22)

Africa

Country programme document for Sierra Leone (DP/DCP/SLE/3)

Asia and the Pacific

Country programme document for Afghanistan (DP/DCP/AFG/3)

Country programme document for Timor-Leste (DP/DCP/TLS/2)

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Country programme document for Bosnia and Herzegovina (DP/DCP/BIH/3)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Ecuador (DP/DCP/ECU/2)

Country programme document for Paraguay (DP/DCP/PRY/2)

UNFPA segment

Item 5
Funding commitments to UNFPA

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it a report prepared in response to decisions 99/5 and 2000/9, which request the Executive Director to provide annually updated estimates of regular and co-financing resources. The report focuses on the resource situation of UNFPA for regular and co-financing

resources for 2014 and future years. It provides revenue analysis for 2014 and comparisons to prior years.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on funding commitments to UNFPA. Elements for a decision are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2014 and future years (DP/FPA/2014/15)

Item 6
Updating the UNFPA oversight policy

Under this item, the Executive Board will hear an oral report on progress in updating the UNFPA oversight policy, including information on the planned consultations with the Executive Board.

A background document is available on the UNFPA Executive Board website.

Item 7
Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, country programme documents reviewed at the annual session 2014 will be approved by the Board on a no-objection basis, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board. The final country programme documents for approval by the Board at the second regular session 2014 are as follows: Afghanistan, Angola, Comoros, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The Executive Board will also have before it a request for a two-year programme extension for Botswana in the East and Southern Africa region.

In accordance with decision 2014/7, the Executive Board will discuss and approve country programme documents at a single session, starting with the second regular session 2014. The Board will have before it, for discussion and approval, five country programme documents: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Guatemala and Paraguay, and State of Palestine.

The Executive Board may wish to approve: (a) the two-year programme extension Botswana; and (b) the country programme documents for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay and State of Palestine.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes in the East and Southern Africa region: Botswana (DP/FPA/2014/13)

Country programme document for Bosnia and Herzegovina (DP/FPA/CPD/BIH/6)

Country programme document for Ecuador (DP/FPA/CPD/ECU/6)

Country programme document for Guatemala (DP/FPA/CPD/GTM/7)

Country programme document for Paraguay (DP/FPA/CPD/PRY/7)

Country programme document for the State of Palestine (DP/FPA/CPD/PSE/5)

Item 8
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: Updated integrated resource plan, 2014-2017

In accordance with its decision 2013/32 on UNFPA integrated budget estimates, the Executive Board will be presented with an updated integrated resource plan for 2014-2017, following review of the financial projections.

The updated integrated resource plan, 2014-2017, is available on the UNFPA Executive Board website.

Item 9
Implementation of the QCPR

The session will focus on (i) elaboration of a specific proposal on critical mass in alignment with other Funds and Programmes, (ii) highlight and discuss measures by UNFPA to broaden its donor base and to improve communication and contribution incentives, and (iii) to continue dialogue with Member States on concrete options to enhance the quality of contributions towards full financing of development results.

UNOPS segment

Item 10
United Nations Office for Project Services

In its resolution 39/220 the General Assembly established the need for recurrent reporting of statistical data on procurement by United Nations agencies on operational activities. As of 2008 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2007/38, the Executive Director of UNOPS has assumed the responsibility of compiling and submitting the report. The 2013 report features a comprehensive trend analysis of United Nations procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including a category analysis of procurement of goods and services. The report also features a supplement on implementing innovative solutions in procurement. The supplement provides an overview of the benefits and challenges of innovative procurement, as well as case studies and contributions from practitioners and experts globally.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2013 (DP/OPS/2014/5)

Joint segment

Item 11
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The rationale for establishing joint procurement activities in the United Nations system is based on a shared understanding of the benefits of consolidating and standardizing procurement practices. Since January 2011, the United Nations organizations based in Copenhagen have been developing and implementing

opportunities for common procurement initiatives. Collaborative procurement projects led by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS have delivered significant improvements and savings across the United Nations system. Many of these projects have also eliminated duplication, increased consistency and strengthened country office procurement. Since the first report on these activities in 2013, the organizations have derived continuing savings and benefits from their common procurement efforts, and additional initiatives were developed and delivered throughout 2013. A number of projects are under way in 2014, seeking to consolidate and standardize practices within the United Nations system. The report presents key findings and outcomes from the joint procurement work conducted in 2013, and sets out the initiatives under way in 2014. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report and comment on the progress made in collaborative procurement activities.

Documentation:

Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities (DP-FPA-OPS/2014/1)

Item 12
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it a joint UNDP and UNFPA report that addresses the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The report focuses on the implementation of decisions from the 32nd and 33rd meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board, respectively. The report highlights UNDP and UNFPA contributions in responding to HIV.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report and recommend ensuring that the critical roles of UNDP and UNFPA in working towards the end of the HIV epidemic, as articulated in their strategic plans, are fully reflected in a new strategy for UNAIDS.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2014/24–DP/FPA/2014/16)

Item 13
Field visits

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the report on the field visit of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS to Fiji and Samoa (22-29 April 2014) and the report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Panama and El Salvador(7-18 March 2013).

The Board may wish to take note of the reports.

Documentation:

Report on the field visit to Fiji and Samoa (DP-FPA/2014/CRP.2)

Report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Panama and El Salvador (DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2014/CRP.8)

Item 14
Other matters

The Fifth Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly held in Cancún on 28-29 May 2014 approved five amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF Instrument). In accordance with paragraph 34 of the GEF Instrument, these amendments may become effective only after adoption by the three GEF Implementing Agencies: UNDP, United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank. The Administrator has received a letter from the GEF Chief Executive Officer (annexed to the Note by the Administrator) informing her of the amendments and requesting her to facilitate the adoption of the amendments in accordance with the rules and procedural requirements of UNDP. A similar letter was sent to the heads of UNEP and the World Bank. The United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP approved the amendments in full at its meeting in June 2014. The World Bank Board of Directors is scheduled to consider the amendments in September 2014. The Note by the Administrator describes the five amendments proposed for adoption and outlines their rationale and key implications for UNDP.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt the proposed amendments.

Documentation:

Global Environment Facility: amendments to the GEF Instrument - Note by the Administrator (DP/2014/23)

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2014
(2 to 5 September 2014, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 2 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2014 **UNOPS segment** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		10	• Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2013 **Joint segment**
		11	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Report on joint procurement activities (decision 2012/25)
		12	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*UNOPS informal consultation*
	3 – 4 p.m.		*Informal consultation on the independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy*
	4 – 5:30 p.m.		*Joint UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP informal consultation on the common country programme documents*
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 3 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	**UNDP segment** UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes • Approval of country programmes
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*Presentation of the results framework of the UNDP global programme, 2014-2017*
	3 – 4:30 p.m.		*Briefing on the outline of the UNDP annual results reports*
	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	13	**Joint segment (cont'd)** FIELD VISITS • Report on the joint field visit to Panama and El Salvador • Report on the Executive Board field visit to Fiji and Samoa
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*

Thursday, 4 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Annual review of the financial situation, 2013 • Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation, 2013
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*Informal consultation on updating the UNFPA oversight policy*
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNDP segment (cont'd)**
		3	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP • Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2014 and onwards • Funding issues
		14	OTHER MATTERS • Global Environment Facility: amendments to GEF Instrument - Note by the Administrator
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 5 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA segment** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		5	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNFPA • Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2014 and future year
		6	UPDATING THE UNFPA OVERSIGHT POLICY • Progress on updating the UNFPA oversight policy
		7	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents and extensions of country programmes • Approval of country programmes
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*Briefing on the outline of annual report of the Executive Director of UNFPA*
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNFPA segment (cont'd)**
		8	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Updated integrated resource plan, 2014-2017
		9	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QCPR • Funding issues
	5 – 6 p.m.	14	OTHER MATTERS • Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/ UN-Women Staff Council • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft workplan for 2015 • Tentative workplan for the first regular session 2015